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In response to the Office Action mailed October 23, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 72, 88, and 90 as follows:

72. (Amended) A rotisserie oven for cooking food, comprising:
an enclosure that includes walls;
a heating element inside the enclosure;
a plurality of plates, each having a center, wherein the plates in combination with at least one rod form a spit assembly and wherein the spit assembly does not include any structure extending from the center of one plate and connecting to the center of any other plate; and
a vent located in one of the walls of the enclosure, the vent having an indent extending into the enclosure with an opening at the top of the indent.

88. (Amended) A rotisserie oven for cooking food, comprising:
an enclosure having a roof, a wall and a curved section extending from the wall to the roof;
a heating element inside the enclosure;
a plurality of plates, each having a center, wherein the plates in combination with at least one rod form a spit assembly and wherein the spit assembly does not include a rod extending from the center of one plate and connecting to the center of any other plate; and
a vent located in the curved section;
wherein the vent has an indent extending into the enclosure with an opening at the top of the indent.

90. (Amended) A rotisserie oven for cooking food, comprising:
an enclosure having a roof, a wall and a curved section extending from the wall to the roof;

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